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For: PERMANENT LOCKING  
MECHANISM FOR SHARP-  
INSTRUMENT SAFETY GUARD

**SUPPLEMENT TO REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

APPROVED  
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Sir:

1. On March 29, 2001, the undersigned, on behalf of the attorneys of the law firm of Pennie & Edmonds LLP filed a Request for Withdrawal as Attorney (the "Request") requesting permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case in accordance with 37 CFR 1.36.

2. The basis for the Request was 37 CFR 10.40(c) for the reasons, upon information and belief, that Pennie & Edmonds LLP has not received full payment in connection with bills for work performed for the applicants in relation to trademark work as well as the subject matter of this and other patent applications. Upon information and belief, Pennie & Edmonds LLP still has not received full payment in connection with these bills.

3. The Request included an attachment that was identified as a copy of "correspondence from applicants' new counsel dated January 24, 2001 to Pennie & Edmonds' collection agent."

4. In the Notice Regarding Power of Attorney mailed May 3, 2001 (the "Notice"), the United States Patent & Trademark Office indicated that the Request had been accepted.

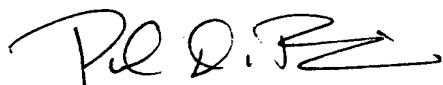
5. Subsequent to the mailing of the Notice, the undersigned was informed that applicants' attorney is John J. Bonazzi, 83 Wyman Street, Woburn, MA 01801.

6. Accordingly, in view of the circumstances herein, Pennie & Edmonds LLP requests that a copy of this submission be placed in the file for this application.

7. In accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(a), a copy of this submission, the Request, and the Notice are being sent to the applicants' new counsel identified in section 5 above.

8. This submission is enclosed in triplicate for the convenience of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,



Date May 30, 2001

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